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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: SOVIET FON MIN ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA
AND ANGOLA DELIVERED BY SOVIET FON MIN GROMYKO IN HIS
SEPT 28 ADDRESS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

QTE THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REQUIRES THE
MOST SERIOUS ATTENTION. THE RULERS OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH AFRICA AND OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND ALL
THOSE WHO SUPPORT AND ARM THEM ARE NOW DEMONSTRATING
THAT THEY ARE ALLEGEDLY RECKONING WITH THE INVITABILITY
OF THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION, AND THEY ARE
TRYING TO ADAPT THEMSELVES TO IT.

BUT IN FACT, AS BEFORE, EVERYTHING IS BEING DONE TO
CONTAIN THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE
AND NAMIBIA AND OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THEIR LEGITIMATE
RIGHTS. EVERY POSSIBLE METHOD IS BEING BROUGHT
INTO PLAY--FROM DIRECT SUPPRESSION AND VIOLENCE
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TO ATTEMPTS TO DIVERT THE NATIONAL LIBERATION

MOVEMENT AWAY FROM GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM
THROUGH POLITICAL GIMMICKRY AND FINANCIAL HANDOUTS.

WHAT IS IT THAT IS BEING SOUGHT FROM THESE PEOPLES
BEFORE THE EYES OF THE WHOLE WORLD? A RENUNCIATION
OF THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO A FREE AND INDEPENDENT
DEVELOPMENT, A DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE PATH OF SOCIAL
PROGRESS. BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE INEXORABLE
COURSE OF EVENTS, AND LIFE ITSELF WITH ITS POLITICAL
REALITIES WILL PUT EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE. THE
PEOPLES HAVE LEARNED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRUTH
AND FALSITY.

TODAY, AS ALWAYS, THE SOVIET UNION IS FIRMLY
ON THE SIDE OF THE FIGHTING PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA. WE STAND IN FAVOR OF AN UNCONDITIONAL END
TO THE POLICY OF APARTHEID AND RACIALISM IN SOUTH
AFRICA, OF ITS PROMPT WITHDRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA,
OF THE UNQUALIFIED TRANSFER OF ALL POWER TO THE
PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. NO ONE WILL EVER SEE THE SOVIET
UNION FAILING TO OPPOSE ATTEMPTS TO PROLONG COLONIAL
AND RACIAL OPPRESSION UNDER ANY MANTLE.

IT IS PROPER TO RECALL THAT IN THIS HALL ON
14 DECEMBER 1960 THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE GREETED
THE ADOPTION OF THE HISTORIC DECLARATION ON THE
GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES. ITS ADOPTION SIGNIFIED THAT HISTORICALLY
THE HOUR HAD STRUCK FOR THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION
OF COLONIAL DOMINATION IN THE WORLD.

WE HAVE ALL WITNESSED THE FAILURE OF THE ATTEMPT
TO STRANGLE WITH THE HELP OF ARMS A YOUNG INDEPENDENT
STATE, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA. IF THERE
ARE STILL GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAMPER THE EXERCISE
OF ITS LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THEY WILL GAIN
NOTHING, THEY WILL ONLY LOSE. ANGOLA WILL UNDOUBT-
EDLY TAKE ITS LEGITIMATE AND WORTHY PLACE IN THIS
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2. COMMENT: GROMYKO DEVOTED MORE TIME TO SOUTHERN
AFRICA THAN TO ANY OTHER SINGLE GEOGRAPHIC AREA.
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